

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
Kennedy, et al.

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For: SINGLE PIECE HUB WITH  
INTEGRAL UPPER AND  
LOWER FEMALE CONES  
AND METHOD FOR MAKING  
THE SAME

Group Art Unit: Unassigned

Examiner: Unassigned

Attorney Docket No. STL 2853.1

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Group 3682  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please enter this Preliminary Amendment and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.